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RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the research and development projects sanctioned by the Government to improve the science and technology in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of project proposals received from various Institutions/ Universities/ Research Organisations during the said period; and

(c) the total financial assistance provided to each of the research projects during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b) & (c)

Research and Development projects are a part of the activities of most of the Government Departments and details of such projects need to be ascertained from each Department individually. The overall expenditure of the Government on R&D was Rs 9733crores during 1998-99 and estimated to be Rs 11328 crores and Rs 13187 crores during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively. The principal Department for supporting extra-mural research and development is the Department of Science & Technology. The Department under its R&D scheme hadsanctioned 287 projects at a total cost of Rs 4202 lakhs during the financial year 1998- 1999; 292 projects at a total cost of Rs 4815 lakhs during the financial year 1999-2000 and 350 projects at a total cost of Rs 4940 lakhs during the financial year 2000-2001. The number of projects received from various Academic Institutions/ Universities and Research Organisations during the above period are 737 (1998), 755 (1999) and 618 (2000).